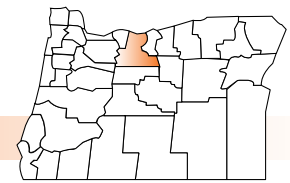


Wasco County

STATUS OF OREGON'S CHILDREN 2008

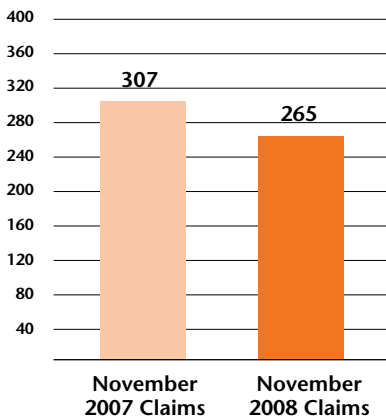


POPULATION

TOTAL	24,125
Children ages 0-17	5,894

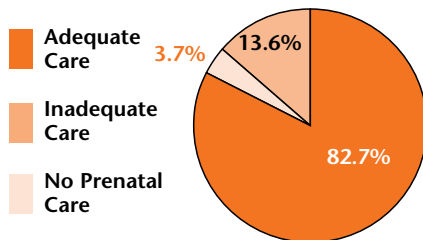
Unemployment Claims

Change in new unemployment claims made in November 2008 compared to November 2007: **14% decrease**



Prenatal Care

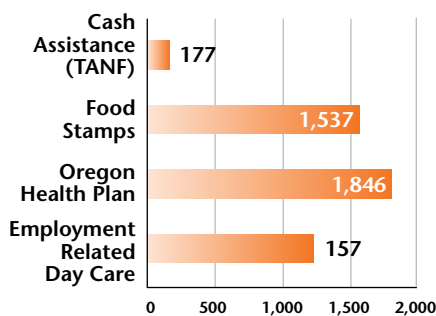
Percent of mothers who received prenatal care beginning in their first trimester.



Family Supports

The chart shows the number of children helped by several key family supports in a month.

Number of Low-Income Children: **2,358**



FAMILY FINANCES & STABILITY

\$51,000 is the median family income, which is 13% lower than the state median. 3.16 per 1,000 people filed for personal bankruptcy in 2007, a 6% increase since 2006. Subprime loans make up 33.4% of all loans in this county. 56.2% of public school children are eligible to receive free/reduced price lunches during the school year. On average, 1,279 children eat free/reduced price lunches during the school year, while only 772 children receive free lunches during the summer.

CHILD WELFARE

103 children were victims of child abuse/neglect (17.5 per 1,000 children) 51% of victims of abuse/neglect were under age 6. 121 children in the county have been in foster care at least once during the past year. 548 reports of child abuse/neglect were made in this area in 2007. 65% of these reports were assessed, and 19% were founded.

CHILD HEALTH

51.8% of eighth graders did not have a medical check-up or physical exam in the previous year. No children have access to School-Based Health Centers in their schools in this county. There are 6,868 students for every 1.0 FTE school nurse in this county. The preferred ratio is 750 students to 1.0 FTE nurse. 23.8% of mothers have reported using tobacco during pregnancy. 8.9% of eighth graders reported smoking cigarettes in the previous month.

COUNTY INDICATORS

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

	Current Total Number	Current Rate	Rate Change from Previous Year	Avg. Rate Previous 5 Years	Current Rate Compared to Oregon
Child Care Supply (slots per 100 ages 0-13)	1,217	30	9% Worse	24.5	76% Better
Head Start / Oregon PreKindergarten	153	111	9% Worse	97.1	113% Better
3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	278	75.5	3% Worse	79.8	10% Worse
3rd Grade Math Proficiency	278	68.0	9% Better	70.4	12% Worse

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

8th Grade Reading Proficiency	262	58.8	11% Worse	58.3	10% Worse
8th Grade Math Proficiency	262	64.5	5% Worse	59.5	6% Worse
High School Dropout	58	4.9	138% Worse	2.3	17% Worse
Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 under age 18)	79	13.4	9% Better	16.2	11% Better
Suicide Attempts (per 100,000 ages 10-17)	3	106.1	69% Better	239.0	45% Better

HEALTH

Early Prenatal Care	249	82.7	0% Better	85.8	5% Better
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.0	100% Better	4.3	100% Better
Uninsured Children*	666	11.3	25% Better	16.6	10% Better
Immunizations	NA	79.1	10% Worse	78.9	2% Better
Teen Pregnancy (per 1,000 girls ages 15-17)	13	22.7	62% Worse	22.0	Same
Obesity	NA	30.1	NA	NA	30% Worse

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Childhood Poverty (ages 0-17)	1,275	23.8	18% Worse	19.5	27% Worse
Child Support Payments	NA	66.4	2% Better	63.0	7% Better
Unemployment	662	5	11% Better	8.7	4% Better

CHILD WELFARE

Abuse and Neglect Victims (per 1,000 ages 0-17)	45	7.6	32% Better	10.1	11% Worse
Threat of Harm Victims (per 1,000 ages 0-17)	58	9.8	4% Worse	8.7	84% Worse
Recurrence of Maltreatment	NA	10.8	22% Better	10	38% Worse
Foster Care Placement Stability	NA	82	21% Better	78	3% Worse

* Denotes regional data